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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus shipments are winding down.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	8	29	47	16
Range and Pasture	46	28	15	9	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton - Planted	15	10	18	19
Durum Wheat - Headed	26	19	61	48
Barley - Headed	32	22	77	49

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 9. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Yuma to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Marana and Roll. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at

21 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most at 0.61 inches of precipitation and Safford received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
April 3 - April 9, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	62	2	83	34	0.02	0.29	-3.33
Buckeye	65	2	87	40	0.00	0.93	-1.43
Canyon De Chelly	53	5	76	32	0.08	1.32	-0.92
Coolidge	63	-2	89	37	0.00	2.37	-0.46
Douglas	62	5	88	35	0.00	0.19	-1.55
Flagstaff	43	4	63	23	0.61	3.05	-4.19
Grand Canyon	44	9	66	21	0.46	2.22	-5.26
Kingman	58	4	78	34	0.22	0.91	-2.22
Marana	66	3	91	40	0.04	1.15	-2.17
Maricopa	66	1	88	43	0.00	2.44	-0.07
Paloma	65	-1	88	40	0.00	0.87	-1.62
Parker	65	-3	87	42	0.00	0.26	-1.72
Payson	52	3	72	27	0.25	1.44	-5.28
Phoenix	71	4	89	52	0.01	1.57	-0.79
Prescott	52	6	73	32	0.28	1.37	-3.85
Roll	67	3	91	40	0.00	0.31	-0.56
Safford	62	5	87	36	0.01	0.81	-1.13
St. Johns	56	7	80	32	0.14	1.25	-1.05
Tucson	67	5	90	45	0.00	0.41	-1.97
Willcox	62	8	87	32	0.00	0.22	-2.09
Winslow	54	4	80	27	0.00	0.29	-1.32
Yuma	65	-4	88	42	0.00	0.36	-0.57

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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